

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Elizabeth Richter on 7/27/07.

The application has been amended as follows:

In lines 5, 6, 8, 9, and 14 of claim ¹/~~2~~, line 2 of claim 2, and line 2 of claim 3 the parentheses have been closed by adding ")" at the end of each parenthetical phrase.

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In line 13 of claim 1 "border to" has been changed to --border of--.

In the last line of claim 3 "both sides" has been changed to --both upper and lower sides--.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art fails to teach or fairly suggest the claimed invention as a whole including the inner region of the pin bore is configured as a conically shaped profiled bore, and center region of the pin bore is configured as a circular cylinder, the outer region of the pin bore has a cross-section with an oval cross-sectional shape on one side, in the direction of the piston head, whereby the great axis of ovality lies at least approximately parallel to the piston axis and whereby the degree of ovality increases from the border of the center region to the outer end of the pin bore, in the context of a piston for an internal